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Japanese Patent Application Publication Nos. 08-184925 A and 08-122944 A, correspond to U.S. Patent No. 5,629,752.

Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 09-138471 A, correspond to U.S. Patent No. 5,930,391.

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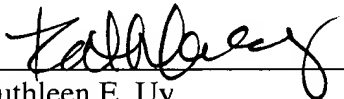
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